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**Testimony before the Appropriations Committee  
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The Governor's Proposed Deficit Mitigation Plan  
and the Impact of the Governor's Rescissions**

Hi, my name is Julie Stasiunas and I go to the Independence Center. They help me out there. I wish you could understand how we feel about the budget cuts and medical cuts and/or co-pays for medicine. I wish you could see what I went through all these years. Thanks to the Independence Center I wouldn't be here now. Please understand how I feel.

I have learned so much from them with cooking skills, typing skills, and computer skills. I have also learned budgeting skills and how to save money, and also living skills.

Regarding medical cuts, if I cannot continue to afford my seizure medication I will not remain healthy. Several years ago I became ill and went into a coma for a week. If that were to happen today with the budget cuts, I may not be able to receive the same help and care in getting better. I currently have a nursing bill for \$1,300 dollars. I do not know how I will be able to pay this and continue receiving services with the co-pays that will be starting. Please do not pass these medical cuts.

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